

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

June 9, 1998
MAG Office Building, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ron Krosting, Mesa, Chairman	*Randy Harrel, Fountain Hill
Jess Jarvis, ADOT	George Flanagan, Litchfield Park
*William Bates, Avondale	Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
*Delbert Self, Buckeye	Glenn Cornwell, Paradise Valley
*Jonathan Pearson, Carefree	Burton Charron for Dan Nissen, Peoria
*Phil Hughes, Cave Creek	Don Herp, Phoenix
Ty Hofflander, Chandler	*Dick Schaner, Queen Creek
*José Solarez, El Mirage	*Larry Keeler, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Warren Sparks, Gila Bend	Indian Community
*Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community	Bob Brown for Alex McLaren, Scottsdale
Gary B. Thomas, Gilbert	Larry Shobe for Harvey Friedson, Tempe
Grant Anderson, Glendale	Mannuel Dominguez for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Andrew Cooper for Larry Martinez, Goodyear	Jesse Mendez for Don Needham, Youngtown
* Susanna Struble, Guadalupe	

*Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Itty Itty, ADOT	Anne MacCracken, MAG
Paul Ward, MAG	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Ron Krosting

2. Approval of the May 12, 1998 Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the May 12, 1998 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 1998 through 2000 and the Federal Fund Balances

Anne MacCracken reported that no obligation activity occurred during the month of May. Ms. MacCracken asked about the status of the FY 1998 project as shown in the second part of the

Attachment One. She strongly urged Chandler, Mesa and Glendale to begin work on their 1999 projects now. Don Herp said that the Bell Road and 19th Avenue Bicycle projects are schedule to advertise in September of 1998.

4. Reauthorization of ISTEA

Paul Ward reported that President will sign the new bill any time. The bill, now known as Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), is expected to allocate 60 % more federal funds to the State of Arizona. Mr. Ward said that it is not clear how much MAG will receive. Mr. Ward continued to say that CMAQ is expected to be a larger percentage of federal funds and that other areas in the state may qualify of CMAQ funds. He strongly urged jurisdictions to develop their designs early to take advantage of potential additional funds.

Grant Anderson asked if TEA- 21 will go through the terminus for funding MAG Freeways with the 70 % MAG federal funds. Mr. Ward answered that TEA-21 ends in the year 2003 the terminus is 2005 when the regional sales tax sunsets. Don Herp asked if CMAQ under TEA-21 can still be used to fund traffic signals. Mr. Ward answered that he believes that TEA-21 will not bring new restrictions for the use of CMAQ funds.

5. Roads of Regional Significance

Mr. Ward, referring to Attachment Two, asked the committee members to examine the table and verify the information. He asked members to show which segments in their jurisdictions will be upgraded to the spirit of the Roads of Regional Significance anytime in the future. Mr Krosting asked if a time frame had been discussed. Mr. Ward answered that there has been no discussion. Mr. Krosting asked members if there was they had any problems providing MAG with a list of segments that will be annexed or improved in the future. No one objected. Mr. Krosting stated that members should provide a list of future annexations and that Mr. Ward should modify the form so that member can write yes or no on the form itself. Mr. Krosting then asked if the June 15th deadline was significant. Mr. Ward answered that this deadline will allow him to provide a report to the Transportation Review Committee for their meeting this month. Mr. Krosting asked if any members had a problem with the June 15th deadline.

6. FY 1998 Closeout

Paul Ward stated that MAG is assuming 48 million in federal funds for this fiscal year. He said that there are problems with ADOT utilizing CMAQ funds for freeway construction and that possibly CMAQ funds can be exchange in order for ADOT to use their 70% of MAG federal funds. Mr. Ward continued to say that there may possibly be five to nine million available. He reported that Tempe, Chandler and Gilbert have requested to accelerate projects. There was a discussion about the role of the Street Committee in prioritizing projects for federal funds. George Flanagan inquired if Enhancement funds will still be available under TEA-21. Mr. Ward answered that these funds will increase but that the State will have greater discretion in spending enhancement funds.

7. Recommendations for Low Cost Projects on The State Highway System

Mr. Ward requested additional projects from the Committee Members. Mr. Krosting asked about additional Mesa projects not found in Attachment Four. Mr. Ward said these projects were not recommended and did not make the list. Mr. Herp asked about the difference between intermediate and minor projects. Mr. Ward said he would have to check the specific amounts, but that it is related to the dollar value of the projects. Mr. Herp then asked if even minor projects must go through scoping. Mr. Ward answered that yes even minor projects must undergo scoping but that this issue is being re-addressed by ADOT. Mr. Krosting stated that the deadline for submitting projects is June 15 and to submit the request to Mr. Ward.

8. Indemnification

Mr. Ward distributed a memo from Pat Thurman to Rod Ramos regarding the revisions to the indemnification of the contracting agency against liability. Mr. Ward continued to say this will change insurance for errors and emissions done by architects and engineers working for jurisdictions as contractors. He stated that if members have further questions to please contact their representative on MAG's Spec & Details Committee.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.